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## LASA students honored at ceremony

By Barbara Walden

The second-year law and security administration (LASA) students year-end awards presentations took on a new look this year with a ceremony held at the Doon campus, April 22.

In past years, LASA students held a banquet and dance at an off-campus venue. But program co-ordinator Bob Hays said the students felt the banquet had become too large and wanted something different.

Second-year students Amy Olson and Michael Davis, with help from instructor Heather Bortolussi, organized the new format.

The ceremony also doubled as an opportunity for the City of Kitchener and Waterloo regional police to say thanks to LASA students for their help in curbing the vandalism at Victoria Park's Festival of Lights last December.

Certificates were presented by Ron Pinke, chairman of the Festival of Lights, to 20 first- and second-year LASA students who came out to patrol the park.

Pinke said about 3,000 lights had been destroyed and many wires cut by vandals. The student patrols had a major impact on curbing the vandalism, he said.

Pinke offered a special thanks to student Miguel Barros, who organized the LASA patrols.

"I enjoyed spending many hours out there freezing with you," said Pinke, adding that he hoped the students would offer their help again next winter.

Kitchener Coun. Mike Wagner, who thanked the students on behalf of the mayor, said "the minute the students came on the scene, the vandalism stopped. You saved the program."

Deputy Chief Gord Miller called the students' efforts a "true example of our (Waterloo regional police) motto — 'people helping people.'"

Miller presented the top award, a \$500 Waterloo regional police scholarship, to Amy Olson. During his remarks, he said he thinks Conestoga's LASA program is one of the best in North America.



Donna Groff (right) received the second-year student award from Michael Davis and Amy Olson at the second-year LASA Awards ceremony, April 22. The winner demonstrates leadership and the ability to work well with faculty and peers. (Photo by Barbara Walden)

Olson also received a framed print, painted by local artist Peter Etril Snyder.

Shawn Casey and Michael Davis shared the Faculty Award, which honors leadership, fellowship and academics.

Staff member Susan Hartley said the award ended in a tie because faculty had great difficulty in choosing between the two students, so they decided to give the award to both.

Donna Groff was picked by the second-year students to win the Student Award in recognition of her leadership qualities and her ability to get along with both her peers and faculty, and overall good performance in the program.

A new award this year, the Legal Research Award, was presented by Hays to Cathy Ker goat and Michael Davis for what he called, "going above and beyond the call of duty on legal research."

As a memento of the award, Hays carved out a replica of the statue "Justice," to be kept on permanent display, with the winners names inscribed on a plaque in the display case in the fourth-floor LASA wing.

Hays, who also carved out wooden gavels for each of the winners to keep as a memento, said he spent about 80 hours carving the statue in a woodworking course he took this past winter at the college.



Deputy Chief Gord Miller presents Amy Olson with a \$500 scholarship and a painting April 22. (Photo by Barbara Walden)

## Conditions placed on association of colleges

# Board alters funding for provincial body

By Paul Tuns

The Conestoga board of governors changed the way it funds a provincial organization, the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario (ACAATO), at its April 22 meeting.

After debate on whether or not to approve funding at all, the board accepted compromise language that fully funds the 1995-96 allotment to ACAATO, but stipulates conditions on next year's funding. Conditions include greater accountability by ACAATO for its projects and administration.

There was debate over providing only half the payment now and half later, not paying the allotment, and setting conditions of accountability by ACAATO.

Board member Winston Wong asked what would happen if the allotment was not paid.

Kevin Mullan, vice-president of finance and administration, said the province withholds one-tenth of a per cent of the college's operating budget which is routinely approved by the various boards to be directed to ACAATO.

He said he does not think any college has not approved the funding re-route, but sees no reason why the money would not be given to the college if it was not approved.

"It has never been tested before," Mullan said. "Theoretically it would be ours, but no one knows because it has never happened before, at least to my knowledge."

He said the ACAATO funding represents \$20,000 for Conestoga this year.

Lynda Davenport, chairwoman of both the Conestoga board of governors and ACAATO, said the funding approval is on top of the dues the college pays to be a member of the organization.

She said the money helps pay for special projects ACAATO undertakes.

John Tibbits, president of Conestoga College, said there are serious accountability issues involved.

He said the way things are done, not just the things they do, must change.

"Their (ACAATO) whole style of business needs to be changed," he said.

He noted, as one example, the fact that ACAATO operates out of a downtown Toronto office building, which he finds extravagant.

In other items, Tibbits said the process of

accepting early-leave applicants is nearing an end.

He said 82 employees have had their applications accepted. The breakdown is as follows: 57 faculty, 16 support staff and nine administration.

Also, John MacKenzie, vice-president of human resources, noted the board's student representative, Miguel Barros, was recognized by the Waterloo regional police for his work in Kitchener's Victoria Park this past year.

Barros, a law and security administration student, organized a student patrol of the park which resulted in a 100 per cent decrease of vandalism.

MacKenzie said the police were considering closing the park and Christmas light show were, it not for Barros's work.



# Memorial grove to be designated on campus

By Allison Dempsey

A section of property on Conestoga's campus may soon be designated for the planting of memorial trees, says Wayne Hussey, executive director of development and community relations for the college.

Hussey, who has been with the college since January, helps promote Conestoga's profile and image, and also raises money for equipment and scholarships.

Hussey is currently dealing with five possible memorials concerning students, alumni or staff mem-

bers who have recently died.

"The families are involved in the choosing of the tree and the dedication and the memorial plaque which would go beside the tree," said Hussey. "But class members or faculty are often involved in the process too."

The idea of memorial trees is not pushed or advertised forcefully on campus, due to the sensitive situation family members and friends are facing. But there have been a number of individuals in the past who have requested a tree be dedicated to a student or colleague.

"No one handled the memorials

before," said Hussey. "People just tried to be helpful, but it wasn't really a specific position."

Hussey said a number of friends and teachers of Tracy Gillam-Wright, an early childhood education student who died of cancer March 18, have approached him with requests for a tree to be designated in her memory.

Titia Taylor, an ECE instructor who taught Gillam-Wright, said friends and classmates collected money to have the memorial put in place. She said another student from ECE who recently died will also be remembered, and "both

families thought it was a great idea."

Taylor said, "Tracy was a wonderful, warm-hearted young lady and incredibly courageous. The memorial is a wonderful thing to do."

But Hussey is waiting to hear more from Gillam-Wright's family, who has the final say in how the memorial will take shape.

The chosen tree can be one already growing on campus, or it can be brought in and planted. A plaque can then be mounted beside the tree.

"We want it to last and look ap-

propriate," said Hussey about the plaque. "But we try not to tell the families what to do. The nature and number of trees will be decided in a couple of weeks. All five families may come together or each may do something different."

Hussey said he is recommending an area beside the college's pond, which has a variety of tree species, be designated as a memorial grove. He says he wants to bring structure and focus to the tree planting idea, so he can better explain the options to families.

"It's a special way to remember a colleague or student," he said.



**GIVE ME A RING** — LRC employee Brent Davidson won a gold ring in a raffle held by ECE to raise money for a bursary. Titia Taylor, an ECE instructor, presents the ring to Davidson, who plans to give the ring to his daughter, Heather, who is a student in ECE.

(Photo by Jason Seads)

## Tree adoption Pledge forms mailed

By Johanna Neufeld

About 15,000 Adopt-A-Tree pledge forms were mailed in early April, to Conestoga graduates across Canada, said Wayne Hussey, executive director of development and community relations.

Former students are asked to donate \$50 towards a tree which will be planted at the campus. Six dollars buys an aluminum plaque while the remaining \$44 is used for new equipment, scholarships or bursaries, depending on what the graduate chooses.

Hussey said this idea allows grads to choose where they want their donation to go and also to the department of their choice. The department asked alumni what they would like to do, and Hussey said most want to be remembered.

The topic was discussed at an April 15 meeting with Barry Milner, Dave Putt and himself, said Hussey. Present faculty and students will spend two to three weeks doing follow-up calls to alumni,

asking them what they think of the idea, said Shari Dickson, who works in the development office.

Conestoga graduates have moved all over the world, but the office decided to focus specifically on Canada, said Dickson.

Also discussed at the meeting, was the topic of memorializing trees for four students who have died this year.

Students, faculty and several families have come forward suggesting a tree be placed at the campus in memory of the students.

Hussey said, he hoped to receive some feedback from the families within the next couple of weeks regarding what kind of tree they would like as well as where to plant it.

We want their input, but we also want to make sure their wishes are respected, said Hussey.

One red oak and one crimson maple have already been chosen and planting of the trees would probably be done within the next six weeks, he said.

## Guelph recycling program set

By Judith Hemming

Guelph campus will not implement that city's wet/dry recycling program until September, partly because the campus's current recycling efforts already exceed set guidelines, says Dan Stark, manager of Conestoga College's housekeeping services.

The wet/dry program was introduced in Guelph in November 1995. Housekeeping had originally planned to phase in the wet/dry program at the Guelph campus over the 1996 winter term.

"Because we're still recycling all of our main products, we're actually doing more," said Stark. He said another reason for the delay is that the school year was coming to an end. Now the housekeeping staff can have the program all set up and ready to operate in September, rather than having to retrain people part way through a term.

Because Guelph campus offers courses primarily in trades and apprenticeships, most courses run only eight weeks. A few, however, are semester-long courses. Stark said the program makes it

easy for staff and students to recycle. "The whole idea behind the wet/dry program in Guelph is that it's either one or the other."

The wet and dry materials are collected separately and sorted at a plant in Guelph. Plant employees sort the materials into the more specific categories.

Stark has decided to maintain the current recycling program in addition to the wet/dry program.

Guelph campus, like Doon, now has five different types of recycling containers: newspaper, fine paper, pop cans, glass and cardboard.

Stark said the only difference will be what is currently thrown out as waste will now be separated for the recycling plant. Once the wet/dry program is in place, Guelph will still be going above and beyond what is required.

While Stark agrees there will be more choices, he said waste disposal will not be more difficult.

"Since recycling became an issue years ago, people have been trained to separate their waste."

Stark said because Guelph campus specializes in trades and apprenticeships, most of its

population comes from other communities that may have never heard of the wet/dry program. The regular recycling containers will still be in place, and students will be more likely to follow the guidelines.

Over the past five or six years, recycling efforts have improved steadily, Stark said.

"As people become more aware of it (a recycling program), they are more inclined to use it. At one time, a recycling bin was an additional garbage can. That's all it was used for," Stark said while there is still contamination caused by people putting materials in the wrong containers, it is minimal compared to what it was initially.

"As society as a whole becomes more educated and more understanding, we all tend to (become aware)."

The recycling message is then reinforced by peers and family members. Stark said his seven-year-old son has been taught about recycling in school since junior kindergarten.

"If I make a wrong choice while I'm at home, he reminds me," he said.

## News briefs

### College employees nominated for awards

- A national awards competition sponsored by the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) to recognize excellence and innovation by employees and students of member institutions has nominated two Conestoga employees. Barbara Dietrich of OSDO/Ontario Training Incentives is a nominee in the Leadership Excellence category. Linda Hart (who has been with OSDO and is now with the student employment office) has been nominated in the Staff Excellence category. Winners of each award will be announced in Toronto on May 27, as part of the ACCC's annual national conference.

### Conestoga's ninth annual book fair coming

- The Doon campus book fair is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, May 14. The event will give faculty and staff the opportunity to meet and talk with representatives of various educational publishing firms, as well as examine some of their latest products. The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Blue Room. For more information, contact Jill Douglas at the Doon LRC, ext. 240.

### Employment stats for grads encouraging

- The 1994-95 Graduate Employment Report shows Conestoga graduate employment stands at 90 per cent, and employment directly related to Conestoga program of study is 69 per cent. The figures mark an eight per cent increase from last year.



# Conestoga popular among applicants

By Amanda Weber

Conestoga College is still ahead of the application system in terms of numbers, said Fred Harris in an interview on April 24.

Harris, Conestoga's registrar, said for college choice, Conestoga is up 1.9 per cent compared to last year at this time.

In an interview on March 26, Harris said Conestoga was down 1.8 per cent, so in the matter of one month, Conestoga has risen in college choice by 3.7 per cent.

"The system for college choice is down 1.9 per cent," Harris said. In the March 26 interview, Harris said the system was down 5.4 per cent. It rose 7.3 per cent since the end of March.

As of April 22, 1996, compared to the same time last year, Conestoga's school of business applications were up 16 per cent, technology was up 14 per cent, applied arts was up 4.25 per cent and

community and health services, as a group, were up 13.7 per cent.

For program choice, Harris said there were a total of 12,164 applications to Conestoga.

"Conestoga's program choice is up 3.1 per cent compared to this time last year," Harris said. "The application system for program choice is down 1.5 per cent."

Compared to other area colleges, Conestoga's program choice is quite a bit higher.

Georgian College in Owen Sound is down .9 per cent, Mohawk College in Hamilton is down 10 per cent and Fanshawe College in London is down 4.7 per cent.

According to Harris, the only surprise in numbers occurs at Niagara College in Niagara Falls, where the program choice is up 12 per cent.

Final numbers for all college choices and program choices will be known after acceptance letters are mailed out starting on May 15.

## Student services hiring peer tutors for September

By Tracy Huffman

Looking for part-time work in the fall? Student services is now hiring peer tutors for the next academic year, said Jo-Anne Morgan of student services.

The program is designed to help students struggling with school work get extra help at an affordable price.

Student services hires about 80 students to be peer tutors each year, Morgan said. The job is a paid position.

The first step to become a peer tutor, is to fill out an application form from student services. The application asks a number of questions, including which subjects the student wishes to tutor.

The student must include the marks he has received, or if the course is still in progress, the mark he plans to achieve. Marks must be verified, said Morgan, either by including a copy of the student's transcript or by having the course instructor sign the application.

Upon submitting an applica-

tion, the student books an interview with Morgan. "I look for students who have an ability to tutor in a variety of subject areas," Morgan said.

For example, an accounting student may be capable of tutoring not only accounting, but perhaps math, economics or statistics, said Morgan.

Communication and problem-solving skills and empathy for students having difficulty in some subject areas are also important qualities, Morgan said.

Tutors are asked to commit to a full academic year. Ideally she likes to hire students going into their second year, with the hopes they will continue to tutor in subsequent years, said Morgan.

Peer tutors are regular college employees, Morgan said, and tutors are paid a wage of \$7 per hour. Preparation time and phone calls are excluded from pay. Tutors are only paid for the time they actually spend tutoring.

Tutors are required to make themselves available for a minimum of two hours a week. How-

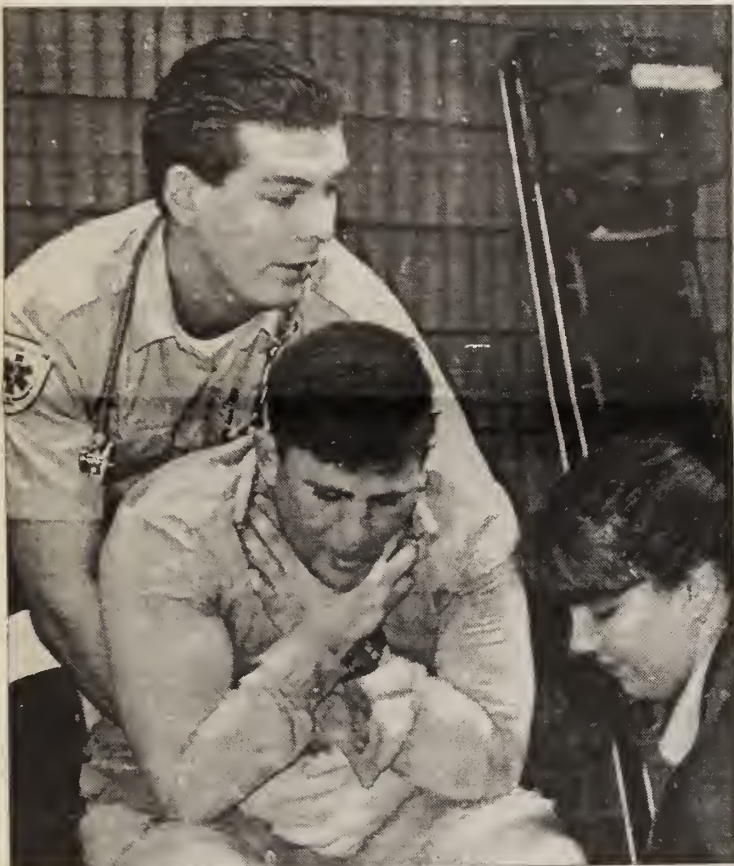
ever, tutors can take on more hours if they want. "Some students work with one student a week, while others work with four or five students in any given week," said Morgan.

Student services provides training for new tutors, but Morgan said during interviews she looks for students who already possess a lot of the skill required to tutor.

"I believe that a lot of what makes tutors quality tutors, is the skills they already possess. It's not something they will pick up in a one-day training session," Morgan said.

Training is generally to teach tutors the mechanics of the program. Tutors are taught how the program runs and what responsibilities a tutor has. Problem solving skills and communication skills are two other areas covered in the training session.

Morgan said she will continue to hire tutors throughout the summer. Those interested in applying to become a peer tutor should pick up an application in student services.



**HELPING HANDS** — Rachel Chevette (right) and Kyle Jenkin (back) attend to Jason Brearley's staging of an allergic reaction to nuts, at the third annual patient-care competition on April 26.

(Photo by Jason Seeds)

## Guilty plea rejected

By Patrick Moore

Prosecutors rejected a guilty plea from a Kitchener man who has been charged in connection with the death of Joan Heimbecker, a former McMaster University student.

Rory Foreman, a former Conestoga College nursing student, stood in a Hamilton court Monday April 22, and entered a plea of not guilty to first-degree murder, but pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Assistant Crown attorney Alexandra Paparella rejected the plea because the Crown is ready to proceed with a first-degree murder charge.

Justice Paul Philp told the court Foreman's guilty plea to manslaughter was now part of the public record and the issue to be decided is whether Foreman in-

tended to kill Joan Heimbecker. He said the important distinction is intent to commit a crime.

"Murder requires intent to cause death, manslaughter does not," said Philp in an interview in the Hamilton Spectator.

Heimbecker, 25, was killed at her student residence at McMaster University on March 30, 1994 by a shotgun blast.

She was a physical education student at McMaster and had earned an honors degree at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Foreman was sought in connection to the crime and eluded police for several weeks, before finally turning himself in.

He was originally scheduled to stand trial on April 15, but the trial was postponed in order to clear up several administrative matters.

## SUMMER SPOKE

Welcome to our new-look summer SPOKE.

We are eagerly facing some changes in the next few months, changes we believe will benefit our readers.

Our circulation at Conestoga's Doon campus will be centralized in high traffic areas for the summer, as many programs have closed until the fall.

Copies of SPOKE will be conveniently available

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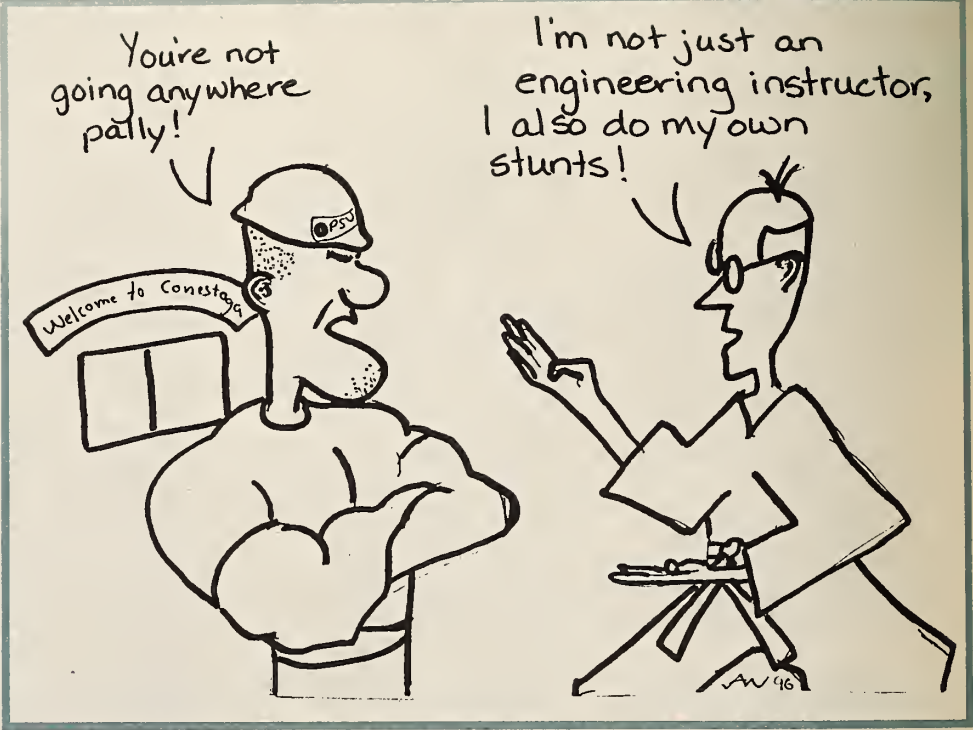
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Just a thought



Robert Klager

Pass the tequila, goodbye Sheila

Although the Liberal government has had a smooth sail for about two and a half years, it began the month of May rather poorly.

In the final week of April, the press, politicians and citizens (appropriately) focused their attention on the Sheila Copps controversy. Copps, who sat mightily and holier-than-thou as deputy prime minister, heritage minister and member of parliament for Hamilton East, resigned on May 1, less than a week after saying she would not.

But an about-face from Copps is nothing new – it is the very reason she is resigning.

During the 1993 campaign, Copps said categorically, “I’ve already said personally and very directly that if the GST is not abolished, I’ll resign. I don’t know how clear you can get.”

She reiterated the promise in March of this year. “If we don’t replace it, I will resign.”

But on April 25, Copps said, defiantly, she would not resign and then offered a number of bogus, and often contradictory, excuses. She claims she did not mean what she said on the campaign trail. She also said she made the promise under extreme pressure from the campaign. She said she had indeed offered to resign, in jest.

The issue is not whether or not the GST should be scrapped. The issue is the integrity of a Liberal MP and cabinet member, the woman who would be prime minister if something were to happen to Jean Chrétien.

During the May 1 press conference, Copps said she had always been a straight-shooter. But only a week earlier, she said she would not resign.

Copps said in the press conference her father, Vic Copps of Hamilton municipal fame, and the person whose name helped give Sheila her career, said there are two ingredients important to a successful political career: honesty and hard work.

It seems Sheila Copps needs to work hard on her honesty.

Copps does not seem to know what lying is. When someone says she doesn’t mean what she says, most people would recognize that as a lie. But not Copps. She described her promise to resign as an “over-statement.” She admits to “mistakes,” but will not admit the mistakes include breaking promises.

Copps’ biggest mistake was not breaking her promise to resign, but rather her blatantly offensive excuses. On top of the aforementioned excuses offered at the April 25 press conference, she told reporters on May 1, that she made the previous week’s mistakes because of the pressures of being heritage minister.

She said she is resigning not because of pressures from colleagues or voters, but because she doesn’t like what she has become. “The decision came from my own heart. I have become uncomfortable with decisions I’ve made. [I will] put my future in the hands of the voters.”

But why should we believe she is having difficulty, as she says, looking people in the eye?

Why should voters give her another chance? She has no credibility left.

Neither will the Liberals, if – as Copps says – Chrétien and the party support her in the June 17 by-election.

Often times, it’s the small victories that can bring the biggest smile to one’s face, especially if one were to be cracking a grin at the existence of the very contest to begin with.

Last week’s papers reported on numerous bureaucratic battles and societal set-tos from across the country, but nowhere was a nobler precedent set, than in a small Stratford courtroom filled to meet the distinction of a hamlet church in rural Amish country.

Justice of the peace Ron Trachy declared the innocence of two Amish families from Mornington Township — yes, the township actually took them to court — in a case in which they were charged for keeping their horses on residential property.

The very fact that the township proceeded with the trial is laughable; 25 per cent of the township’s residents are said to rely on horses exclusively for transportation.

However, a Mornington resident and neighbor of the perpetrators registered a complaint that somehow convinced the township the Kuepfers’ and Waglers’ backyard Broncos stunk and attracted enough flies to warrant court time amounting to about \$20,000.

Deeming the bylaw the families were breaking as “unconstitutional,” Trachy cited how integral horses are to the Old Order Amish lifestyle and faith. The township argued the bylaw the families broke didn’t discriminate because it “applied to everyone.” Everyone who owned a horse, maybe.

The Amish lifestyle is one to be commended. Here are a people that are completely independent, unassuming and kind to a fault.

Here are accountable people, who *work* and *earn* and ask for nothing more than respect and regard, something they readily offer in return. Here are people who have the sheer wisdom to stay far away from the bureaucracy and social balancing act that permeates almost every facet of our society these days.

The township hasn’t decided whether to appeal yet; the husband of the offended neighbor believes this should be fought in the Supreme Court (hardly worth the buggy ride).

The Amish don’t want this kind of exposure. People say they’re trapped in the past, stubborn and unwilling to conform. On the contrary, I believe they have a much broader view of the world than most allow them. Their “stubbornness” and “non-conformist” attitudes speak volumes about prioritizing one’s life.

Yes, something stinks about this whole scenario, but it sure isn’t the horses.

Conestoga Corner



Blake Ellis

As I sat down to write this Conestoga Corner column on the eve before the new semester, for a few of us, begins, I came to the realization that no matter what corner of Conestoga College a student would venture into, he or she would be disappointed in what they found.

I would imagine most students who finished their exams and started their summer jobs in the first week of May, think the school is closed until September. To an extent it is.

The athletics at Conestoga are non-existent during the summer months with the athletic banquet wrapping up its, once again, successful season.

The Doon Student Association is still in operation but it is only planning for the coming year. There will be no more nooners, bus trips or special events.

The main cafeteria will only be open for a couple of hours a day and Dooners is closed until September.

It is understandable these services would be scaled back. After all, the Conestoga’s student population has plummeted from about 4,000 to a couple hundred.

The college should take the reduction of services into account when summer students pay their tuition.

Dollars from our tuition are allotted to the DSA and our athletic teams as well as a number of other things.

Surely, tuition costs should at least be reduced a small amount in light of the number of services summer students receive compared to the regular student body.

In the summer, the college does not give us the opportunity to take part in the activities and events our tuition pays for.

If the college insists we pay the full tuition, the college should give us this opportunity, but if this solution isn’t possible they should cut it out all together.



# TAKING SIDES

Do you think extending last call until 2 a.m. is a good idea?

## Extra hour won't increase problems

Allison Dempsey



The often dreaded cry of "last call" in Ontario bars will soon be heard one hour later, at 2 a.m., doubtlessly causing some concerned citizens to point the proverbial finger and say "extending the legal drinking hour will encourage bar patrons to consume more alcohol, engage in bloody booze-driven brawls and stagger out to their vehicles in a drunken haze more often than they already do."

The more likely scenario has people exercising the option of staying at home longer to socialize, watch beloved late-night television programs and wait for stragglers to join them before heading out to party. Those in Toronto will be able to celebrate after a game. Knowing they don't have to rush to beat the drinking deadline is a more pressing interest than the amount of alcohol patrons plan to ingest. People can always drink at home, and usually much more cheaply than in bars, but they go to bars to mingle, shake their stuff on the dance floor, and scope out potential mates. The extra hour will help generate income not only for individuals, but communities as a whole, and create a livelier night-life in cities where tough economic times have slowed many businesses to a crawl.

Ontario's new law simply puts it in step with the rest of the country's liquor legislations. Most provinces' bars already operate under the 2 a.m. deadline, while in Quebec and British Columbia patrons can drink until 3 a.m. These extended hours have not caused major problems in the rest of the country. Drunk driving is a concern no matter how late the bars are open, and intoxicated drivers have been stopped in the middle of the afternoon.

If drinkers cross the line, they must pay the price for getting behind the wheel. Bars do not serve alcohol with the ulterior motive of putting drunk drivers on the road. Those customers who intend to enjoy the new 2 a.m. law must know their limits, drink responsibly and either have a designated driver with them or call a taxi. Bars are providing a place to drink and have fun; the rest is up to the drinker.

Taxi services will benefit from the new later hours, as will both employees and owners of bars. In tough economic times, servers will appreciate the extra hour to collect tips from those staying late. Who would not appreciate the effort to perhaps create more jobs and make a little extra money?

Those who worry about people drinking to excess have little to fear. Those wishing to stay for the extra hour will not consume enough alcohol to make a significant difference. The partiers may have one or two extra drinks, dance, talk and exchange phone numbers. And hopefully be responsible for their actions.

## campus comments



"I think it's great. You don't have to go out as early. It'll be cool."

Bart Cameron  
second-year accounting

"They should have done it when I was in university and I could afford it."

Lisa Smith  
fourth-semester nursing



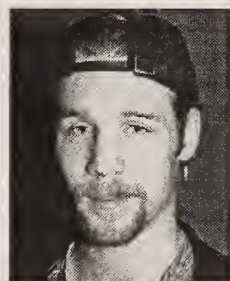
"I don't even go to bars, but it's fine. I don't see any major problems with it."

Sara Maxim  
first-year journalism



"I think it's a great idea. It's going to help the economy and make night-life more interesting."

Chris Biron  
first-year GAS



"I don't think it's a good idea. There will be more drinking and driving."

Kathy Turner  
second-year graphic design



"I'm generally in favor of it, but I feel for people who have to work the extra hour."

Andrew Chatham  
potential broadcasting student



## More time, more booze, more problems

Deborah Everest-Hill



It is unlikely that anyone on their death bed would regret too little time spent drinking, but the provincial government thinks alcohol consumption is important enough to extend its hours.

It appears that increased taxes and massive layoffs are not the only items on the government's financial agenda. In an attempt to keep bar hoppers from leaving the province and to generate more revenue, the cut-off time will be extended in May, to 2 a.m.

This is not a move to please alcohol-drinking Ontarians; it's a move to make money. Most restaurants and bars start serving alcohol around noon and continue to serve it until 1 a.m.

Panic-stricken people race up to the bar around 12:30 for last call, and the same people will race up for last call an hour later. Despite the addition of an extra hour, people will still wonder why bars can't stay open longer.

In an era of anti-drinking-and-driving advertisements and campaigns, the government's move not only seems untimely, but inconsistent. In fact, extended hours are a slap in the face to groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving, who work hard to increase awareness.

Money, alone, seems to be the driving force behind the province's change of heart, and there will be a lot of it to go around. Bartenders, owners and the LCBO stand to gain a considerable amount of money, but at what cost?

Police in London say they are prepared for an increase in crime and the number of drinking and driving offences. Despite strict laws prohibiting drinking and driving, people still forget to leave their car keys at home. Another hour of drinking time will only add fuel to the fire.

Extended hours may be great for college and university students who don't go out until around 10 or 11 p.m., but what about the people at the bar since 8 p.m.? It is already extremely difficult to plan a night out with friends and work around the drinking and driving issue. Most people feel uncomfortable driving after having only one drink because they are afraid of failing a breathalyzer.

If impaired driving was the sole responsibility of the person doing it, increased hours might not be a problem. Unfortunately, bar employees and owners can be held accountable for a customer being served too much alcohol.

Since restaurant and bar owners rely on alcohol sales to stay afloat, it is unlikely they will post many warning signs. The decision on how much to drink, or whether to drink at all, is left to the educated consumer. Unfortunately, not everyone is capable of making a responsible choice. Many are willing to take a chance, and do.

# YES

Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to? Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

# NO



## Letter to the editor

# Homolka articles have flaws

As a former writer and editor at Spoke, I congratulate the staff for continuing to tackle the tough issues in the Yes/No columns. However, the April 22, issue goes against everything aspiring journalists are taught.

The question, as it stands, is wrong. Karla Homolka will not remain at the Kingston Prison for Women (P4W), (not the Kingston Penitentiary, which is for men) because it is being shut down. Homolka, as all other federally sentenced women, has the choice of five institutions located across the country.

Ms. Santos stated that Homolka can be paroled after serving half her sentence, when in reality it is one third.

She said that Nick Pron described in detail, "what exactly happened to Tammy Homolka, French and Mahaffy." Well, Mr. Pron has taken quite a critical shellacking for his absolute knowledge of what went on in the tapes, when he could only hear the audio portion.

Ms. Santos said the Bernardos performed their acts on three innocent young girls. The only performing either of them did was in the courtroom in front of Mr. Justice Patrick Lesage. Acts are perpetrated, not performed, and it was actually four innocent young girls. I guess Jane Doe can not be counted in the victims, who number far more than four if you include the victims' families and Paul's previous rapes and assaults.

The prison does not back onto a residential area, as Ms. Santos de-

clares. In fact, it backs onto industrially zoned land by Lear Seating and the unfortunate Doon Pioneer village.

Ms. Wroblewski's column can be contested point-by-point, with few exceptions.

She said Homolka will be better off at Kitchener's prison, because rehabilitation programs are better. This is totally unfounded. This new system of "de-institutionalizing" federally sentenced women has its flaws. The flagship prison in Edmonton has already had prisoner slashings, self-mutilations, assaults on a nurse, a suicide, and a botched escape attempt by three inmates.

Ms. Wroblewski claims these untried programs will give Homolka "a better chance at a normal life." Homolka has proven that no amount of counselling will change her ways. In her "deal with the devil" that has received so much public scrutiny, Homolka has also guaranteed that she will never lead a "normal life."

Karla is not segregated at the P4W, as a recent photo of her lounging with another inmate in the prison yard will prove.

All federally sentenced women have the right to some form of "new" rehabilitation programs. Currently, these same women do receive some of the best rehab any country could offer, such as free education, television, conjugal visits and on and on.

These and other programs will continue to exist at the new centres.

The only changes made to the new

centres are aesthetic and cosmetic.

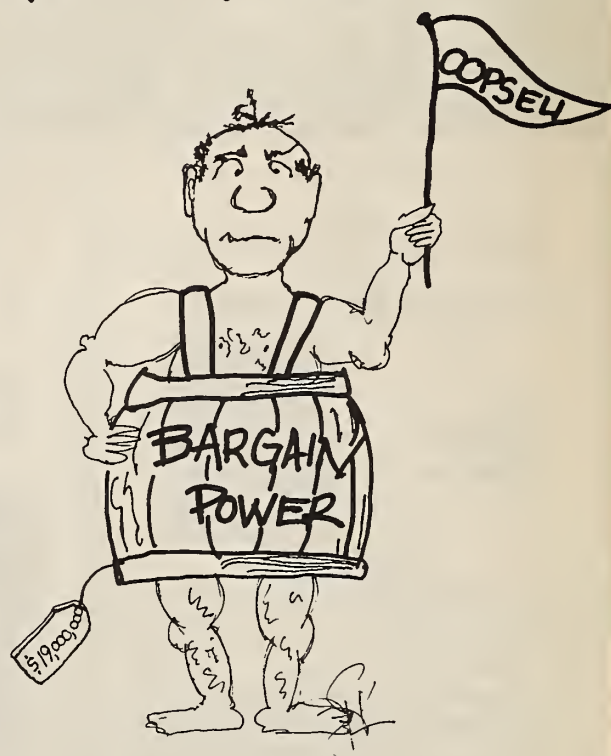
Ms. Wroblewski contends that there are far worse criminals in the P4W than Homolka. Statistics, which seldom lie, show that of the 323 women currently in federal institutions, 60, including Homolka, are in for homicide. Of their victims, 95 per cent were husbands, boyfriends, relatives and friends. Most of these unfortunate women killed their abusers, which in itself and with the aid of a good lawyer, probably got them lighter sentences. They, unlike Homolka, killed to survive. Homolka helped kill her sister for reasons no one has yet to fathom, which makes her far more dangerous than any of those other pathetic souls.

Homolka was not, as Ms. Wroblewski says, an invaluable witness to the prosecution. The tapes were. She was nearly invaluable to the defence, who used her letters and her contradictory testimony to paint her as guilty as Bernardo. Without the tapes, the prosecution had very little to go on.

Ms. Wroblewski sums up her column with the statement that the community should have no say in whether Ms. Homolka comes to Kitchener, and it isn't their responsibility. It is very much the community's responsibility. The community, through its generosity and willingness to accept, has volunteered outreach services, an active Elizabeth Fry Society and many other services to help the prisoners cope.

Kean Doherty

# No JUSTICE, No PEACE



# — NO RATIFICATION, No CLOTHES

# Relax in the Roost with good food and TV

By Amy Wroblewski

You don't have to go far for good food and a good time. In fact, you only have to go to the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre and visit the Condor Roost.

The Roost is a sports bar in the truest sense. Unlike a lot of bars, you can watch a game on one of several TVs or shoot a game of pool. There is also a pretty good view of sports fields which the Roost overlooks.

Susan Ludwig, who has managed the Condor Roost since it opened over two years ago, describes the Roost as a fun,

relaxing place to meet friends.

"People always seem to have a good time," she said.

Although the business hours are cut during the summer, Ludwig said the Roost is pretty busy with kids' camps and teams using the sports fields.

Night and weekend rentals of the recreation centre also help generate business for the bar, Ludwig added.

"We're in a good location. The smell of food draws people." The menu at the Roost is fairly large and prices, reasonable for a sports bar.

They offer everything from beer and wings to whistle dogs and caesar salad.

Ludwig said the most popular items on the menu are the 6oz. burgers and barbecue fries. In addition to crowd favorites, there are also daily specials to choose from, like pizza fingers.

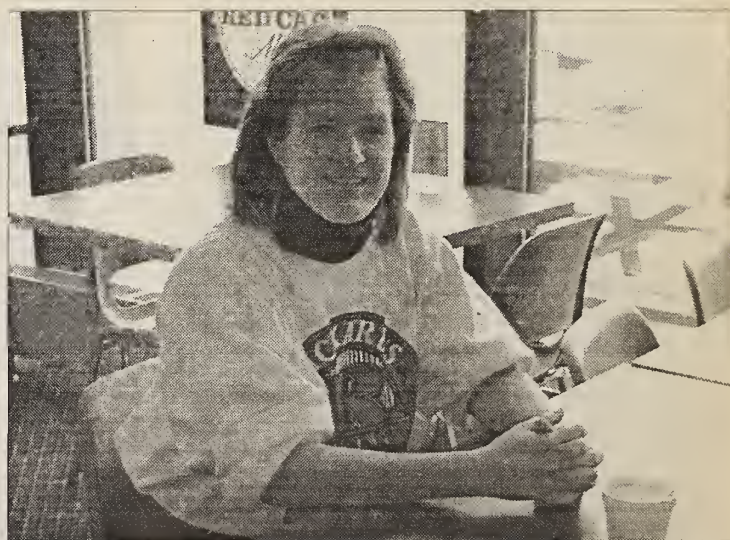
Ludwig credits the success of the Roost to her staff, who take the time to talk to patrons and work as a team.

"There is a lot of respect for the staff because people know they work hard. Some even received Christmas cards," she said.

The Roost, which seats about 100 people, is doing very well according to Ludwig because she follows a basic philosophy.

"It's not what you need — it's exactly what you need," she said. "I'm not overstocking and I take a day-to-day inventory. It also keeps things fresher."

However, for now, Ludwig hopes people will come out for a good time.



Condor Roost manager Susan Ludwig anticipates a busy summer even though operating hours will be reduced. (Photo by Amy Wroblewski)

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# Fewer students during summer result in less entertainment fun

By Jennifer Broomhead

The majority of the DSA's entertainment budget is spent for the benefit of students on campus during the fall and winter terms, so there won't be much going on this summer, says Gavin FitzPatrick, entertainment assistant.

Since the DSA will be focusing on planning for the upcoming school year, FitzPatrick said there isn't really an official plan for any summer entertainment.

There may be a couple of movies shown in the Sanctuary this term, FitzPatrick said, since the DSA's movie licence is still valid. Feedback from those students still on campus will be important in determining what kinds

of activities the DSA will offer, he said.

"We're going to have to talk to the people that are here and try to arrange it with them, because it's such a small amount, and see what they'd like to do."

But entertainment activities that might be offered this summer and throughout the next school year will be in the hands of the four new DSA promotional assistants.

These new positions were created this year to replace all of the DSA's assistants. FitzPatrick said the change was made so the DSA could have a more flexible group of people to work with.

"They'll be like team leaders," he said. "We're going to try for a lot more communication with the classes. We thought that promotion was where we

really needed to focus a lot of effort."

The new positions will allow more versatility in scheduling entertainment events, said FitzPatrick. The quality of the entertainment itself shouldn't change, but the DSA hopes to boost student attendance next year.

FitzPatrick said the quantity of events shouldn't change too much, because there isn't much more money available this coming year than there was last.

FitzPatrick said he's looking forward to the summer term. If there are any summer entertainment activities, he said he'd like to see a 100 per cent turnout.

The new assistants will be in close contact with the students to make sure anything they do will be successful.



# Absolut vodka to display art at Waterloo Museum

By Judith Hemming

What do a sequined jump suit, designer doors, an electric guitar and a pair of cowboy boots have in common?

They are all art pieces commissioned by the makers of Absolut vodka that are part of the upcoming Seagram Museum's exhibit, Absolut Art, which opens May 17.

Anne Chafe, the museum's curator, said the museum is hoping to attract a broader range of people than regular art gallery visitors. She said the pieces are creative and fun. "It's not a typical art exhibit."

The Absolut collection started back in 1985 when the Swedish company commissioned Andy Warhol to paint an artistic impression of the Absolut vodka bottle.

The show tries to recapture the Absolut vodka phenomenon, which began with an ad campaign in 1980 and continued with the art collection. "And it really is a phenomenon. That's the approach we tried to take with this exhibit," said Chafe.

Since 1985, the collection has since grown to over 300 commissioned art works. Chafe said there is a long waiting list of artists who would like to create pieces for Absolut.

Chafe went to see the collection in New York to select pieces for the show. She said it was a difficult task choosing which ones to bring. Out of the 300 art works in the collection, Chafe chose 46 pieces she feels are representational of the entire collection.

The pieces, which are used primarily for promotional purposes, will be appearing in Canada for the first time in this exhibit. The exhibit will include the famous Warhol painting, as well as sculpture, photography, jewelry, furniture, and designer clothing.

Since the clothing pieces are still used for promotional purposes, two pieces were retired for the Waterloo show. Visitors will be able to view Eric Gaskin's yellow dress embroidered with Absolut peppers and Jeanette Kastendeg's sequined jump suit that is decorated with images

from the collection.

The fine art movement for the collection has really taken off in the States, said Chafe, but it is less developed in Canada. Canadian artists are just beginning to add to the collection, and two Canadian artists are represented in this show. The display will include a still life painting by Brian Glockstein and a set of doors by Sharon Mimran.

Thanks to the magic of virtual reality, a computer program will allow visitors to view 216 other works in the collection.

"It's a way people can see some of the art work that we couldn't bring," said Mimran.

On the first weekend of the exhibit, May 18 to 19, a graphic designer and illustrator will be on hand to show museum patrons how ads are generated on computer.

Younger patrons can try creating labels with a hands-on bottle design project.

The exhibit closes Aug. 18, 1996. The Seagram Museum in Waterloo is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.



**NOW HOLD STILL** — First-year nursing student Toni Ioannou, takes third-year accounting student Chris Govett's blood pressure in a demonstration held at the Door 2 entrance. (Photo by Amy Wroblewski)

## 'Disappointing' turn-out at Volunteer Action Fair

By Blake Ellis

About 25 agencies were present at the Volunteer Action Fair at Waterloo Town Square, to recruit volunteers in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

Booths were set up throughout the mall. Doon Heritage Crossroads, the YMCA, House of Friendship and St. Monica's House were among the organizations present at the fair, which ran all day, Saturday, April 27.

Mary Close, one of the founding members of the Volunteer Action Committee which organized the event, said she was a bit disappointed at the turn-out, but the event gives people ideas about where and how they can volunteer.

Sue Coulter, the Volunteer Action Centre's recruitment co-ordinator, said it seemed to be going a little bit slow, but they were pleased to be at Waterloo Town Square.

Close said they have been putting this kind of event on for a number of years at other area malls such as Conestoga Mall, Fairview Park Mall and Westmount Mall. She

said this isn't the worst turn-out, recounting the meagre turn out the fair got at Westmount Mall.

Close said the 120-member Volunteer Action Committee has about 550 jobs that need to be filled.

She said there are all sorts of jobs to be done; helping to repair bicycles, befriending people and fundraising. Some jobs require a long-term commitment and others are only short term.

"You are asking me about my soul," said Close, when she was asked about why she thinks volunteering is important.

"It involves looking outside yourself," she said. She thinks particularly in this economic time period, it is important for people to volunteer.

Coulter said about 90,000 people are involved in volunteering in Kitchener-Waterloo with each volunteer giving an average of about 191 hours a year. Their efforts generate about \$70 million a year in the region.

The Volunteer Fair was part of National Volunteer Week which ran from April 22-27.

## K-W Big Sisters needs volunteers

By Janet White

Approximately 50 young girls and boys in the Kitchener-Waterloo area are on the waiting list for a Big Sister, says Big Sisters casework supervisor, Sarah St. Claire-Smith.

The agency is hoping the volunteer recruitment program scheduled for late in May will shorten the list.

St. Claire-Smith said the summer months tend to be an inconvenient time to volunteer because many people are on vacation.

But for those who will be around the area this summer, involvement in the Big Sisters program can be an extremely rewarding experience. She said volunteers are needed in all age groups.

The Big Sisters organization matches girls between the ages of four and 17, and boys aged four to 11 who may be experiencing social, emotional or family problems, with qualified woman volunteers.

St. Claire-Smith said women who want to become a Big Sister must be over the age of 19, and must be able to spend at least three hours a week with a child, for a minimum of one year. She stressed that quality time must be spent with the child to establish a relationship.

St. Claire-Smith said maturity and

a positive attitude are the most important qualities a volunteer must have. "A lot of these children have mothers who are the sole parent provider, and we are looking to bring a balance into the child's life. The volunteer must be able to bring something positive to the child."

For women interested in volunteering, attending the training sessions is the first step in the process. The sessions, held from 7-9:30 p.m., May 21, 23 and 28, will familiarize the volunteers with the expectations and commitment required, and will cover such topics as listening skills and child development.

St. Claire-Smith said the sessions are meant to identify the people who are motivated to work in the program. After completing the training sessions, the volunteer will have a meeting with the caseworker to discuss the match with a child.

The volunteer must also have a police and medical clearance check. St. Claire-Smith said the volunteer can choose what age group they would like to work with, and the agency tries to match children and volunteers who have similar interests.

St. Claire-Smith emphasized the broad range of people who are Big Sisters. She said the volunteers range from 20 to 50 years old, and

come from a variety of backgrounds. "The program is focused on low cost/no cost activities, it's not about money; it's about building a relationship."

She said some children in the program come from separated or divorced families, and some just come from very large families and need extra attention. "Some of our matches have been together for 10 years; they find it a very rewarding experience."

St. Claire-Smith said ideally, all 50 children would find placements after the training session in May. "We are volunteer-driven — We wouldn't exist without them."

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# Gere's performance a surprise in *Primal Fear*

By Janet White

In an interview regarding his new movie, *Primal Fear*, Richard Gere said the film was the most exciting project to come his way in years — and his performance proves it. *Primal Fear* features a unique mixture of veterans and newcomers, and it works.

When the trailers for the film came out, my first reaction was to cringe. Richard Gere had jumped on the courtroom-drama bandwagon. However, this film is surprisingly fresh and equally exciting.

Gere plays Martin Vail, a public defender turned defence attorney,

who decides to represent pro-bono (without pay) an altar boy accused of murdering an archbishop.

Vail is smooth, confident and in control. A colleague says of Vail, "You're worse than the thugs you represent." But Vail's life is turned upside down when he starts to believe the altar boy's story of innocence, despite the overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

Gere's performance is charismatic and intense. This is the best film he has done in years. He has the same devilish charm he had in *Internal Affairs*, but without the malice.

The biggest surprise in this film (besides the storyline) is the per-

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formance of newcomer Edward Norton. Norton plays Aaron Stambler, a stuttering, stammering, shrinking violet from Kentucky, who is accused of stabbing an archbishop 78 times. Norton is compelling as the accused murderer, and his acting range is incredible (enough said, without ruining the ending). We will surely be seeing more of this actor.

Visually, the film has a few interesting overhead Hitchcockian camera angles, which complement the

run-of-the-mill courtroom scenes. The foot-chases in the film are a refreshing change from the usual car chase. There is something cathartic about seeing somebody run until they almost fall over with fatigue.

The only criticism of this film is the way in which the relationship between Vail and public defender Janet Venable (Laura Lindley) was handled. It was clear from the beginning of the story that Vail and Venable had a relationship gone sour, and Vail wanted a reconciliation. This romantic element didn't work. Lindley played the role of the public defender trapped in a no-win situation successfully, but her ro-

mantic relationship with Vail seemed out of place. It felt like a romantic element was thrown into the plotline to broaden audience appeal.

Encouraging for Gere though, the film is getting the thumbs up sign from the hardest sell of all — the writer. The film is based on a novel by William Diehl, and he has reportedly given the film his stamp of approval.

At a time when all courtroom dramas are being lumped together under the title of O.J. Simpson trial wannabes, *Primal Fear* succeeds in keeping the audience members on their toes and on the edges of their seats.

## Get fit this summer

# Rec centre activities planned

By Diane Santos

The time to get fit has arrived and the Kenneth E. Hunter Recreation Centre has almost every sport available for students and citizens from Waterloo Region.

Early-morning fitness classes will take place from 7:15 a.m. to 8 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in May and will run in June on the 4, 6, 11 and 13. The cost is \$20 per person for the extended classes or free with a valid student identification card.

The rec centre will also be participating in an adult hockey skills camp. The classes will take place August 26-30, and September 3-6, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:50 p.m. The

cost is \$150 per person.

Tai Chi will be offered May 6, 13, 27 and June 3, 10, 17. The class will be taught by Daniel Moores. The cost for recreation centre members is \$59 and non-members will have to pay \$70.

For people who did not get a chance to sign up to play recreational baseball, games will be played at the rec centre starting Friday May 24. The first pitch will be thrown at 6:30 p.m. There will also be games on Sunday, beginning on May 26. Sunday games start at 1 p.m. and run until 8 p.m.

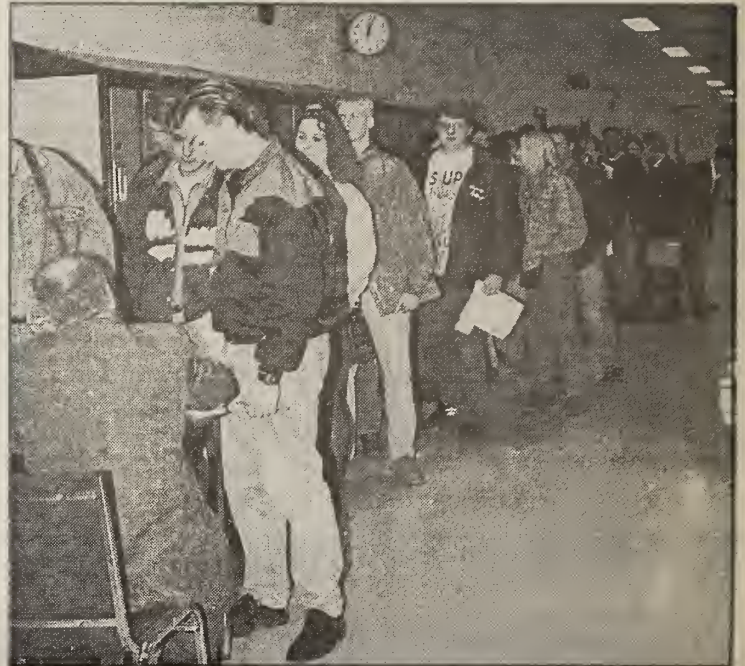
The rec centre will also be hosting an adult co-ed slo-pitch tournament on May 10 and 11.

Also offered this summer, are

adult tennis lessons. Sessions will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. The first session will begin May 21, and run until June 20. The cost per person is \$69.

The rec centre will offer a course on learning how to rollerblade the safe way. The course will be held on Sundays, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. beginning May 5, and running to June 16. The cost for members will be \$59 and non-members will pay \$70.

For more information on these activities or any others, including summer camp for kids, refer to Recreation, a brochure for community programs for spring and summer 1996.



**TAKE A NUMBER** — Students form a line to sign up for interviews with the broadcasting department following an information session on April 29.

(Photo by Diane Santos)

## Hootie and the Blowfish swim towards more gold

By Amanda Weber

With the release of their second album, Hootie and the Blowfish are looking to further the success they have achieved thus far.

*Fairweather Johnson*, is the title of the 14-track album, which the band has mostly released in other countries, hoping to achieve the success that they received last year in North America.

Hootie and the Blowfish is made up of Darius Rucker (lead vocals), Mark Bryan (guitar), Dean Felber (bass) and Jim "Sonni" Sonefeld (drums). The guys wrote all of the songs for their second album.

The first single from *Fairweather Johnson*, *Old Man & Me*, was released a couple of weeks before the album and many fans commented on its resemblance to the first album, *Cracked Rear View*. This is true, but the rest of *Fairweather Johnson* is totally different than their first album.

The majority of the songs on the album are ballads and have a story to tell. An excellent example of this is the first single released, *Old Man & Me*, about the life of a man. It begins when he is a child and follows him through his life. The line "And who will be there for me, when I get to Heaven?" is a very powerful line.

This is just one instance of the depth of this album. It is similar to *Cracked Rear View* in that aspect because it, too, puts listeners in a

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melancholy mood and makes them think. But at the same time it is entertaining.

In the jacket of the album, there is a list of all the songs and a comment from the band about each one.

About *Old Man & Me*, Sonefeld said Rucker had brought the song to the band intending it to be a country song, but it went in a totally different direction.

Sonefeld throws out an invitation to one of today's country music stars, Garth Brooks.

"Garth, if you want to do a country version of it, give us a call," Sonefeld said.

Another song, entitled *Fool*, written by Rucker was intended for one of his favorite artists.

"I wrote this song for Bonnie Raitt, but when I put her name in it, I figured she wouldn't want to do it," Rucker said. "I love Bonnie."

For all Hootie and the Blowfish fans, this album will not be a disappointment.

It will prove the boys are not just a flash in the pan like so many artists tend to become after the release of their second album. This album should keep the boys at the top of the charts and make the household names throughout the nation.



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